

Hello. My name is Jenn Lawlor and I'm writing today in support of SB 761. I believe that passing this ACT will provide very serious financial relief to many candidates who aren't independently wealthy. I feel we need to do all we can to break down the barriers that currently prevent working parents from running for public office. Doing so is important for gender equity as well as for all parents of young children.

Throughout the past year the State of CT has seen clearly that our current culture does not do enough to support women and families having so many left having to make a choice between their career & the well being and/or education of their children. It is almost certain that having greater diversity amongst our elected officials will allow our lawmakers to better take into consideration the needs of many disenfranchised groups. Along with this having representatives who truly represent the diversity of our State is meaningful & priceless role modeling for our youth...the youth that is "the future". Young women should have equal opportunities to serve in public office & not have to choose between caring for a family & pursuing their dreams. This bill is an important step towards getting to a place where both worlds can collide & someone can have a family as well as run for office without bearing such a financial burden.

For the many reasons above I am asking that you pass this Act.

Kindly,
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